



## Sample House Party Timeline

### **Materials**

- House Party Agenda
- Markers/Pens
- Sign-in Sheets
- Name Tags
- Talking Point Handouts
- Chum
- Notepad
- Snacks

**Agenda** (note: a house party should last no longer than an hour and a half)

#### *Setup*

- Host should begin setup of their House Party half an hour before it is supposed to begin.
  - Also, sometimes people show up early, so be prepared in case that happens at your house party.
- Don't forget to have a table with sign-in sheets and name tags (if you have them).
  - The sign-in table should be positioned close to the front door so folks have to sign-in when they first arrive.
- Helpful tip: always fill out the top line of your sign-in sheet so attendees can use it as a guideline for what information they should fill out.

#### *Welcome/Introductions*

1. The host should welcome everyone to their house party.
2. Don't forget- attendees should go around and introduce themselves to the group before the house party gets started.
3. The host should walk through the agenda and purpose of the meeting.
  - a. If the sole purpose of the house party is to introduce Independent Maps then the host should begin the volunteer powerpoint at this point.

#### *Introduce Independent Maps*

- What is Independent Maps?

#### *The Questions*

- Open the floor for questions about Independent Maps. If you are unable to answer a specific question, write it down, and tell them you will email them with the correct answer.



### *The Ask*

- If supporters: setup 1:1s and setup volunteer shifts (canvassing, phonebanking, etc.)
  - Emphasize Independent Maps will not win without the volunteer efforts of their supporters.
- If undecided: setup 1:1s so you can further discuss Independent Maps and the importance of it.

### *Closing*

- Answer any additional questions attendees may have that were not answered during the powerpoint.
- Thank everyone for coming and make sure to collect any volunteer sign-ups before folks leave.

**\*\*\*DO NOT FORGET TO DO FOLLOWUP THANK YOU CALLS THE NEXT DAY\*\*\***

### Sample House Party Agenda

- Sign-in
- Welcome/Introductions
  - Host welcomes guests, introduces any special guest speakers
  - Thanks everyone for coming, gives personal story, and walks through the rest of the agenda for the House Party
- Amendment Presentation
  - What is Independent Maps? And who supports it?
  - What is Independent Maps mission?
  - Has Independent Maps had any recent victories?
  - History of Redistricting
  - Problem with the current redistricting process
  - How will the Independent Map Amendment change the redistricting process in Illinois?
  - How would the Independent Map Amendment work?
  - How do you select the Redistricting Commission?
  - What's different this time?
  - Next Steps
  - Questions
- The Ask
  - Commit to volunteer shift(s)
  - 1:1s with new attendees
  - Host another House Party
- Closing
  - Thank everyone for coming! Ask if anyone has any additional questions before folks begin to leave.